

His Majesties
GRACIOUS
SPEECH
To both Houses of
PARLIAMENT;
Together with the Speech of
S^r Edw: Turnor K^t
Speaker of the Honourable House of
COMMONS,
On Tuesday *May* 17. 1664. at their
PROROGATION.



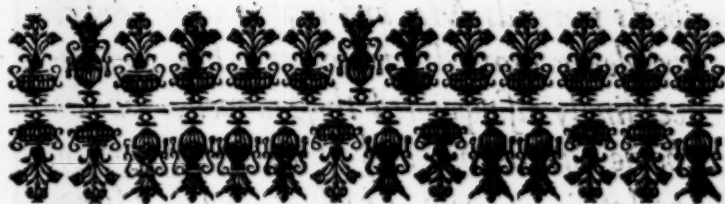
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BY APPOINTMENT
TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
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TO THE ROYAL CANAL COMPANY
OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND IRELAND
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AND IRELAND



His Majesties

Gracious

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To both HOUSES of

PARLIAMENT;

My Lords and Gentlemen,



Did desire and Conjure you at the opening of this Session, that you would keep a very good Correspondence together, that it might not be in the power of any Seditious or Factionous spirits to make you jealous of each other, or either of you jealous of Me. And I desired you to be ready for a Session within two moneths, or thereabouts. I must confess to you, you have Complied very fully with Me, for which I can never

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thank you enough; you have performed those good respects towards Me, and kept so very good correspondence towards each other, that you have exceedingly disappointed those ill men, who both at home and abroad had raised great hopes and expectation of new Troubles and Confusions. You have gratified Me in all I desired, and are now ready for a Session within the time proposed. This Harmony will (with Gods blessing) make Us all esteemed abroad, and secure at home; and these Obligations cannot but make Me think the time long till We meet again.

The Season of the year, and your own Affairs, will invite you into the Countrey; and your presence there is of great Importance to My Service, and to the Publique Peace. You will watch those unquiet spirits which are still lurking, and ready to imbrace all Opportunities to involve the Nation in new Distractions, under what specious pretences soever; And you will carefully inform the People how much it is in their own Power to be as happy as they can wish to be. Indeed, if they are truly sensible of their present happiness, it will quickly be improved.

I will add no more; but that I thank you all, and every one of you. And if God bless Us till November, We will meet here again: I name November to you, because, if nothing extraordinary fall out, I resolve not to meet till then: But because somewhat extraordinary may fall out, you shall be at present Prorogued but till August:

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August: And before that day you shall have
seasonable Notice by Proclamation not to give
your Attendance, except there be Occasion, and
then November will be the time. And accord-
ingly I have commanded the Chancellour to Pro-
rogate you.

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And before that day you shall have
reasonable notice by Proclamation not to give
your Attendance, except there be Question, and
then November will be the time, and accord-
ingly I have commanded the Clerk to make for-
give you.

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THE
S P E E C H
 OF
S^r Edward Turnor K^t
 Speaker of the Honourable House of
COMMONS,

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

At the

Prorogation of the Parliament.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

AT the opening this Session,
 Your Majesty was plea-
 sed to recommend several
 Things to the care of
 Your two Houses of Par-
 liament: the which we
 have deliberately considered, and, unani-
 mously presented our humble Advice there-
 upon.

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The first thing we took into Consideration, was the Act made in the sixteenth year of the late King, of Glorious Memory, for Triennial Parliaments: When we had given it a Reading, we found it Derogatory to the Essential Prerogative of the Crown, of Calling, Holding, and Dissolving Parliaments: We found it unpracticable, and only useful to learn the people how to Rebel; Therefore we melted it down, extracted the pure Mettal from Counterfeit and Drossy Allayes; and then presented it to Your Majesty to be new Stamped, and made currant Coin for the use of the Nation. We do return our most humble Thanks to Your Majesty, that You were pleased to accept our Advice, and to pass our Bill; but more especially for those Gracious Expressions Your Majesty was pleased to use at that Solemnity, whereby we are assured not only of Your Personal Affection to Parliaments, but of Your Judgement also, that the Happiness of the Crown consists in the Frequency of Parliaments.

In the next place, we reviewed the Act for Chimney-Money, which we intended a great Branch of Your Majesties Revenue, although by some Mistakes it is fallen short: And in hopes Your Majesty may improve that

that Receipt, we have prepared a Bill for the Collecting that Duty, by such Officers as Your Majesty and Your Successors shall from time to time think fit to appoint.

Whilst we were intent upon these weighty affairs, we were often interrupted by Petitions and Letters, and motions, representing the unsettled condition of some Countries, by reason of Phanaticks, Sectaries and Nonconformists; they differ in their shapes and species, and accordingly are more or less dangerous; but in this they all agree, they are no friends to the established Government either in Church or State. And if the old Rule hold true, *Qui Ecclesiae contradicit non est pacificus*, we have great reason to prevent their growth, and to punish their practise: To this purpose we have prepared a Bill against their frequenting of Conventicles, the Seed-plots and Nurseries of their Opinions, under pretence of Religious Worship. The first offence we have made punishable onely with a small Fine of 5*l.* or Three moneths Imprisonment, and 10*l.* for a Peer. The second offence with 10*l.* or Six moneths Imprisonment, and 20*l.* for a Peer; But for the third offence, after a Tryal by a Jury at the general Quarter-Sessions or Assizes, and the Tryal of a Peer by his

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Peers; the party convicted shall be Trans-
ported to some of your Majesties Foreign
Plantations, unless he redeem himself by lay-
ing down 100 *l.* *Immedicabile vulnus Ense*
rescindendum, ne pars sincera trabatur.

We have had much thought how to im-
prove the industry of the Nation, & prevent
that idleness and licentiousness which too fast
grows upon us, especially by excessive and
disorderly Gaming; men are not contented
to sport away their precious time, and play
away their ready money, but to lose or
pawn their Houses and Lands, their Manors
and their Honours also. For the prevention
of the growth of this disease, we have prepa-
red a Bill to make all Securities for Money
wonn at Play, whether real or personal, to be
void.

We have examined also the reasons of the
decay of Trade: In the first place, we
found our Merchants are undermined by
fraud and practise, and sometimes beaten out
in the East and West *Indies*, in *Turky*, and in
Africa, by our neighbours the *Dutch*, who,
besides the unsufferable indignities offered to
Your Royal Majestie, and the Crown of
England, have in a few years spoiled Your
Subjects, to the value of 7 or 800000 *l.* For
remedy

remedy whereof, we have made our humble Address to Your Majestie, and received a gracious Answer; and have no cause to fear but a short time will produce a just and honourable satisfaction.

The next Obstruction to our Trade, hath been a base and degenerous practise of some Seamen, who are willing to be robbed by Pirates, that they may share in the Prize: We have therefore prepared a Bill for the Punishment of such Treacherous Actions, and for the just Reward of those Honest Seamen that shall preserve their Owners Goods, and manfully maintain the Honour of our English Nation.

Some other Discoveries we have made, which may be the Subject matter of future Bills, but in respect of Your Majesties Intimation of a short Session, we were not willing to attempt more then we could reasonably dispatch.

And now, *Great Sir*, give me leave with joy, to remember that unparalell'd Unanimity that hath this Session attended our Counsels: Our Constancy and Resolution hath been tried beyond the President of former

mer Parliaments, or any other Session of this Parliament.

The Heathens were wont to observe and envy the Christians for their Unity, and love of one another, *Ecce ut invicem se diligunt Christiani*: And may this happy Correspondence between Your Royal Majesty, and Your two Houses of Parliament, increase and grow to be the envy of the World, till all Your Majesties enemies are forced to cry, *Ecce ut invicem se diligunt Anglicani*.

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